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This 2004 publication includes information from 2003 and earlier years for agriculture in Alaska's geographic areas, as well as the diverse commodities produced in our great state. State level statistics on crops, livestock, cash receipts, numbers of farms and value of production are all included, as are breakdowns by geographic regions.

The data for this publication comes from surveys conducted throughout the year. This would not be possible without the active cooperation of the Alaskan producers, agri-businesses, county extension agents, university staff, weather reporters and other government agencies. A special thank you goes to the farmers and ranchers who took time from their busy schedules to respond to our surveys.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service and its Alaska office were proud to release data from the **2002 Census of Agriculture** in June of 2004. Data from this Census is the most comprehensive look at Alaskan agriculture and is available from our website at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ak>. The Alaska Farm Reporter has been featuring highlights of the 2002 Census data in the monthly publication.

Individual survey results obtained by the National Agricultural Statistics Service are kept strictly confidential.

The data collected, as well as names and addresses, are not released to anyone outside this agency, including other USDA and government entities. Information is summarized and published such that no individual operation can be identified. Summarized results are released to everyone free of charge.

We appreciate your interest in Alaskan agriculture and enjoy presenting to you how "**Agriculture Counts**" in the Last Frontier.

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